

TO LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE

Central Dispatch Will Begin Taking After Hours Calls

By Carolyn Walker

As of Jan. 1, calls to the local police and fire departments will be handled by Central Dispatch in Madisonville between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 a.m., all day on weekends and on official holidays. Tracy Maddox, a full-time police clerk, will accept calls in Dawson Springs weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mayor Jenny Sewell emphasized that phone numbers will remain the same — 797-2277 for the police station and 797-2510 for the fire department. Calls will be forwarded to Central Dispatch after hours. In emergency situations, 911 should be dialed.

"Somebody's going to answer the phone call," she said. "All ef-

forts have been made to see this as a seamless changeover."

Sewell also said an outdoor phone will be installed so that anyone will have access to dispatch at any time from the station itself.

"It's a direct line to Central Dispatch," said Police Chief Bill Crider, adding that the call box will be used by people who would normally walk into the station.

"It will be a huge learning curve for the community," he commented.

Three employees — Chad Egbert, Joann Fox and Alicia Mankle — will lose their jobs as a result of the change in dispatch services.

All Hopkins County cities except Dawson Springs have been using Central Dispatch for the past 20 years.



CHAD EGBERT, local dispatcher for the Dawson Springs fire and police departments, works in the office at the police department Monday afternoon on his next-to-last day of employment. He and two other local dispatchers lose their jobs beginning tomorrow when all after hours calls to fire and police are routed to Madisonville.

YEAR-END REVIEW OF FRONT PAGES

The Progress Looks Back At First Half Of 2013

This is the first of a two-part series recapping the stories that appeared on the front page of The Progress in 2012. January through June will be reviewed today. July through December will appear next week.

JANUARY

Jan. 3 — Dawson Springs and the surrounding area had about 2 1/2 inches of snowfall, not quite the blizzard experienced in some parts of the country. This was more snow than in the previous year combined.

Results from the Kentucky Parent Survey found the majority of parents had shared their views on smoking and drug use with their children during the past year. Just 21 percent said they had discussed their views on birth control.

January was declared Radon Action Month. Health agencies throughout the U.S. joined forces to promote awareness of the major cause of lung cancer.

Jan. 10 — Three local teens were charged in the Dec. 1 fire which destroyed an abandoned two-story house at 301 Mineral St. A month-long investigation led to enough evidence to press charges against two 14-year-olds and a 15-year-old.

Preparations are being made for the transition this month from Old National Bank to Planters Bank at the Dawson Springs branch and four other locations.

Jan. 17 — Kentucky is one of 47 states experiencing widespread flu outbreaks. Flu activity in the local schools is being closely monitored.

T.J. Puckett was crowned Mr. Dawson Springs in a pageant sponsored by the DSHS Class of 2013.



THE line extends around the building on opening day of the newest restaurant in town, Tuesday, Jan. 8, when Subway offered free sandwiches between the hours of four and six.

A Subway restaurant opened in the Ideal Market near the parkway. A long line stretched around the building on opening day when free subs were offered.

Kentucky's ranking in an annual assessment of all states on key education indicators rose four places, mak-

ing it 10th in the nation for its efforts to improve education.

Jan. 24 — A Dawson Springs man was arrested on charges related to sus-

pected irregularities with postal and Social Security matters. Brent Morse, 33, was charged with 25 counts of unlawful taking or disposition. He was also charged with theft of mail matter.

School districts in Kentucky are finding themselves with the unexpected burden of a bill for \$50 to \$60 million as the result of the dissolution of the Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust.

The Dawson Springs City Council voted unanimously to proceed with the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program. The accreditation has long been a goal of Chief Bill Crider and the local police department.

Jan. 31 — Supt. Charles Proffitt said he supports a proposed increase in the

high school dropout age from 16 to 18. It is in the best interest of the students to stay in school until they earn a diploma, he said.

The DSHS academic team won the district Governor's Cup competition held at Trigg County High School. Twelve of the 15 team members will move on to regional competition.

Dawson Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center hosted a 100th birthday celebration for Albert Coleman, a resident since 2009.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 6 — Jeffery Alfred, 26, of Dawson Springs, entered a guilty plea in Caldwell Circuit Court to second-degree manslaughter; DUI, second offense, with aggravator; leaving the

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TRAFFIC check points will be utilized by the Kentucky State Police and other law enforcement agencies during the New Year's Eve holiday enforcement period. Police will be looking for impaired drivers and seat belt law violations.

OPERATION HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Police Want To Save Lives

The Kentucky State Police is gearing up for the New Year's Eve holiday, which is traditionally a time for festive events where people gather to ring in a new year. Many of these celebrations include the consumption of alcohol, lending way to the potential for impaired drivers on Kentucky roads.

Since the Thanksgiving holiday, KSP has

been actively implementing the Operation Holiday Lights enforcement effort that includes nighttime seat belt enforcement and impaired driving crack downs.

Trooper Paul Blanton, KSP spokesman, says the agency will utilize all resources

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TWO RECENT STUDIES

Drivers On Morning After Are Dangerous As Drunks

By Monica Spees
Bowling Green Daily News

Driving hungover can be just as dangerous as driving drunk, two recent studies showed.

Both studies, conducted by researchers from Utrecht University in the Netherlands and the University of the West of England in the United Kingdom, gathered results from participants in simulated driving situations after the participants had consumed 10 or more alcoholic drinks the night before, according to a news release from the Glasgow Police Department about the studies.

No alcohol was present

in the participants' blood at the time of the tests, but the results revealed little difference between hungover driving behavior and drunken driving behavior.

One study put participants through several tests that mimicked highway driving. The participants exhibited increased weaving in traffic and decreased ability to pay attention, which mirrored the actions of someone driving with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05, the news release said.

The other study required participants to go through simulated stop-and-go traffic. Participants showed delayed reaction times and drove at inconsistent speeds.

Although the study was conducted on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, the effect of alcohol on the human body and driving conditions is universal.

Julie Anne Williams, spokeswoman at the Glasgow Police Department, said a person driving hungover may not face a DUI charge but could face charges for reckless driving, disregarding a stop sign, weaving out of the lane or other behaviors.

Even if police do not charge someone with an "arrestable offense," police will not let an unsafe driver back on the road, despite a lack of

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LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Tue 12/31	Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2	Fri 1/3	Sat 1/4
40/28	52/29	32/18	33/24	47/35
A mainly sunny sky. High near 40. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Highs in low 50s and lows in upper 20s.	Some snow showers. Highs in low 30s, lows in upper teens.	More sun than clouds. Highs in low 30s and lows in mid 20s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in upper 40s and lows in mid 30s.

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Parkway Traffic Stop Leads To Three Arrests

A traffic stop on the Pennyri Parkway Saturday led to the arrest of three Florida residents.

According to the Kentucky State Police, Trooper Joseph Bartolotti stopped the vehicle of Randy Woodrum, 50, of Brandenton, Fla., for reckless driving. After speaking with Woodrum, Bartolotti realized he was impaired. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Woodrum's passengers, Samuel Dwayne Funsch, 24, and Makayla Leo Selman, 19, both of Brandenton, Fla., were also arrested.

Woodrum was charged with speeding 25 mph over the limit, reckless driving, tampering with physical evidence, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs/etc., carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Funsch was charged with tampering with physical evidence, trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces), buying/possessing drug paraphernalia and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Selman was charged with tampering with physical evidence, trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces) and buying/possessing drug paraphernalia.

All three subjects were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center. Bartolotti was assisted by Trooper Jonathan Murphy and Trooper Cody Kromer.

Two People Injured In Island Ford Road Crash

A two-vehicle collision on Island Ford Road in Hopkins County injured two on Dec. 23.

According to Kentucky State Police, Robin Tharp, 31, of Sturgis was traveling west in the left lane when Janice Phillips, 75, of Providence, attempted to make a left turn from Chelsea Drive onto Island Ford Road. Phillips struck Tharp's vehicle in the driver's side rear corner of the passenger side front corner of her vehicle. Both vehicles came to rest upright, facing west in the center turn lane.

Tharp transported herself and her juvenile passenger to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment of minor injuries sustained in the collision.

Sgt. Nick Rice was the investigating officer.

Judge Fines Ky. Cabinet For Withholding Records

By John Cheves
Lexington Herald Leader

A judge on Dec. 23 hit the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services with a \$756,000 fine for making "a mockery" of the state's Open Records Act and repeatedly withholding information in its files about abused and neglected children.

It was the latest in a series of rulings by Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd in favor of the Lexington Herald-Leader and The Courier-Journal of Louisville.

The newspapers sued the cabinet in 2011 for access to about 180 files involving social workers' interactions with children who died or suffered near-fatal injuries. The cabinet released the files, but it redacted far more information than Shepherd allowed, including names of victims and alleged abusers, photographs and criminal charges, and it did not cite its legal authority for the redactions, as the Open Records Act requires.

Shepherd ordered the cabinet to pay a \$756,000 penalty for its continued refusal to obey the law, plus it must pay the newspapers' attorneys fees and court costs, which will be determined in coming weeks. He also ordered the cabinet to release the files in uncensored form, with the few exceptions allowed by law, such as the names of underage siblings of victims if they are mentioned only because they are siblings.

"The entrenched habits of a government bureaucracy die hard," Shepherd wrote in his decision. "The cabinet has intentionally continued

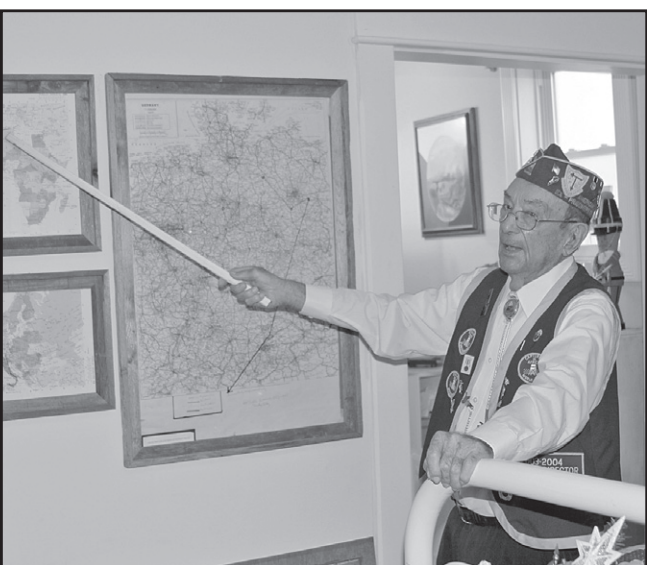
to employ a wholesale blanket approach to withholding public records, despite such approach being prohibited by the Open Records Act and contrary to this court's repeated orders to support any and all redactions by case-by-case analysis."

He added: "This rule of public disclosure in this narrow class of cases involving child fatalities and near-fatalities has been enacted not to assign blame, not to satisfy some unhealthy curiosity, not to sensationalize and not to gratuitously invade the privacy of mourning families. It has been enacted for a single, overriding purpose: to ensure both the cabinet and the public do everything possible to prevent the repeat of such tragedies in the future. There can be no effective prevention when there is no public examination of the underlying facts."

Jon Fleischaker, attorney for The Courier-Journal, said he had never seen such a hefty penalty in an Open Records Act case.

Apart from the fine, the newspapers' combined attorneys' fees and court costs could top \$200,000, Fleischaker said.

In the wake of the newspapers' stories about abused and neglected children and the controversy over the records, state lawmakers have established an independent panel to review child fatalities and near-deaths. The panel is making a budget request for \$400,000 for two staff members, a part-time lawyer and other expenses to help the 20-member panel dig through hundreds of case files.



DUDLEY RILEY points to a map of Africa and gives some details of his time as a prisoner of war as guests tour his home Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, during the Holiday Home Tour.

I-69 Christmas Crash Results In Two Injuries

The Kentucky State Police investigated a single-vehicle injury crash that occurred on Interstate 69 Christmas Day.

The preliminary investigation revealed Larry J. Mahaffey, 63, of Calvert City, was southbound on I-69 when he attempted to avoid a deer in the road. His vehicle overturned in the median, crossed into the northbound lanes and came to final rest facing west on the outside shoulder.

Mahaffey and his passenger, Deborah Mahaffey, 61, also of Calvert City, were transported by ambulance to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment. Both were wearing seat belts.

Trooper Joseph Bartolotti was the investigating officer. The South Hopkins Fire Department and Med Center EMS assisted at the scene.

KSP Make Drug Arrest At Nortonville Home

A drug arrest was made Friday in Nortonville by Kentucky State Police.

Trooper Joseph Bartolotti executed a search warrant at the residence of Daniel D. Holeman which resulted in the location of methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Holeman was charged with complicity to trafficking in a first-degree controlled substance and complicity to possession of drug paraphernalia in addition to possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Holeman, Sherman and Hancock were lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

Bartolotti was assisted by Sgt. Nicholas Rice, Trooper Jonathan Murphy, Trooper Cody Kromer and the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department.

Three Local Residents Indicted By Grand Jury

Three Dawson Springs residents were indicted by a Hopkins County grand jury Dec. 18.

Brett Cobb, 527 Meadows Hill Drive, was indicted for the offenses of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), a Class D felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor.

Cody Billings, 1855 Old Dalton Cemetery Road was indicted for first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), a Class D felony.

David Ochampaugh Jr., 200 E. Munn St., Apt. 8, was indicted for failing to comply with sex offender registration by failing to notify the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office and the Office of Probation and Parole of a change in his address, a Class D felony.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Adam Strader, 31, Dawson Springs, was arrested Dec. 24. He was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence). Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Aaron P. Vanlue, 23, Madisonville, was arrested Dec. 24 at the Dollar General Store. He was charged with theft by unlawful taking of disposition (shoplifting under \$500) and third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—A 13-year-old Madisonville juvenile was cited Dec. 24 at the Dollar General Store. She was charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting under \$500). Capt. Craig Patterson. The juvenile was charged and released to a relative.

—Larry T. Gamble, 72, 195 Frederick Road, was arrested Dec. 26 on Hamby Avenue. He was charged with failure to pay (Caldwell County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Michael J. Adamson, 43, 5893 Ky. 672, was arrested Dec. 27. He was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), violation of a Kentucky EPO-DVO and possession of a defaced firearm. Charges are the result of a warrant taken by the Dawson Springs Police Department following a complaint and investigation. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Hamby D. Rose, 37, Dawson Springs was served a criminal summons Dec. 27 for the Pennyri Narcotics Task Force. He was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree (unspecified) and trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, (barbiturate). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Chasie D. Hobgood, 26, 308 Rolling Hills Drive, Nortonville, was arrested Dec. 28 on Mine Equipment Road. She was charged with operating on a suspended or revoked license and failure to surrender a revoked license. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Tania S. Williams, 50, 7311 U.S. 60, Marion, was arrested Dec. 29 at 487 E. Hall St. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

A Dawson Springs resident was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Korri L. Scott, 25, 302 N. Parker St., was served five warrants Dec. 26.

Richard Greer Arrested At Nortonville Resident

A Mortons Gap man was arrested by Kentucky State Police on drug charges Dec. 23 after Post 2 responded to a complaint of an individual who had unlawfully entered a residence in Nortonville. The homeowner was detaining Richard J. Greer, 19, when Sgt. Nick Rice arrived at the scene.

Greer was highly intoxicated and had synthetic marijuana in his possession. He was arrested and lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center. Greer was charged with first-degree criminal trespassing, public intoxication and possession of synthetic drugs.

Rice was the investigating officer.

NOTICE

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, in observance of New Year's Day holiday.

Garbage collection will be delayed one day.

- Tuesday's garbage route will be picked up as usual on **Tuesday, Dec. 31.**
- Wednesday's route will be picked up on **Thursday, Jan. 2.**

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Services Held Friday For Mary Paris, 72

The funeral for Mary Paris, 72, of Princeton, was held at 1 p.m. Friday at Morgan's Funeral Home.

The Rev. Matt Smothers and Bro. Mike Smith officiated.

Mrs. Paris died Dec. 26, 2013, at her home.

She was born Oct. 1, 1941, in Caldwell County, to the late Leonard and Mary T.

McCalister Smith. She was a retired seamstress and a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Paris; and a brother, Richard Smith.

Survivors include a son, James E. Paris, Princeton; and a brother, Mike Smith, Dawson Springs.

Greater Faith Church Plans Special Service

New Year's Eve services will be held at 8 p.m. tonight at Greater Faith Church. Bro. Dwight Darnell will bring the message.

Special music will be presented by Living Waters and

Jerry Simpson's Band. The service includes a foot washing and communion. A potluck meal will be served.

For information, phone 270-875-6248 or 270-875-6249.

Bill Smithwick Resigns At Sunrise Children's Group

By Todd Deaton
The Western Recorder

Bill Smithwick, president of Sunrise Children's Services, has resigned.

"Having served the children of SCS effectively and sacrificially for 16 years, Dr. Smithwick has recognized the need for new leadership for this season in the organization's long and rich history," according to an official statement from Sunrise's Board of Directors.

Smithwick's resignation follows an overwhelming vote of no confidence in his leadership Nov. 12 by messengers to the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in Paducah, after Smithwick recommended changing Sunrise's hiring practices to allow homosexual employees at the Baptist-affiliated child care agency.

Sunrise's trustees, however, rejected Smithwick's recommendation Nov. 8, after at least two of its trustees shared their concerns with convention leaders, bringing the board's discussions of the agency's hiring practices in August to light.

In addition to a vote of no confidence in Smithwick's leadership, convention messengers also voted to replace a slate of six nominees for Sunrise's 24-member board, along with filling five other vacancies due to resignations from the board.

"The board of directors has accepted his (Smithwick's) resignation with deep appreciation for his service," the board's statement noted. Smithwick reportedly has been on administrative leave. Meanwhile, Sunrise's chief financial officer, Brandi Felser, also has stepped down.

Smithwick reportedly proposed the change in hiring practices as a pre-emptive action to sustain Sunrise's government funding. Trustees have appointed Dale Suttles, a regional development director, as Sunrise's interim president.

Suttles told the Mission Board that he recently encouraged Sunrise's employees that they could get where they wanted to go if they went "hand in hand" with Kentucky Baptists.

In a Dec. 9 letter to pastors, Sunrise board chairman William Hurley sought to reassure Kentucky Baptists: "We will not knowingly expose any child in Sunrise's care to un-biblical influences. We dare not do anything to lead any of these little ones astray."

"We as a Board have asked and are continuing to ask God for His wisdom and discernment in all Sunrise business affairs, to sustain us and to sustain the children in our care," Hurley said.

A search committee for the agency's new president is expected to be named by Sunrise's board chairman soon. (WR)

OBITUARIES

Services Held Saturday For A. 'Tony' Mitchell

The funeral for Frank Anthony "Tony" Mitchell, 57, of Dawson Springs, was held Saturday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev James Lantrip officiated. Burial was in Menser Cemetery.

Mitchell died Dec. 25, 2013, at his home.

He was born Oct. 2, 1956, in Hopkins County, to the late Frank Mitchell Jr. and Nancy Aline Dockery Mitchell.

He was a coal miner and was of the Christian faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Timothy Wayne Mitchell, Nov. 2, 2013.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Mitchell, Dawson Springs; two sons, Alex Dewayne Mitchell and Bryan Joseph Mitchell,



TONY MITCHELL

both Florida; a stepdaughter, Susan Wicks, Mannington; a sister, Donna Vincent, Madisonville; a brother, Terry Mitchell, Nortonville; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Micky Wicks, Jody Johnson, Carl Winters, Johnathon Storms, Bruce McKnight and Brandon Johnson.

Services Held Sunday For Howard E. Prince

The funeral for Howard Edward Prince, 81, of Charleston, was held Sunday at Beshear Funeral Home.

Wayne Lamb officiated. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

Masonic rites were conducted Saturday by the Beulah Masonic Lodge.

Prince died Dec. 25, 2013, at Caldwell Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 22, 1932, in Hopkins County, to the late William Homer and Mamie Menser Prince.

He was an auctioneer for 30 years and was a member of Dunn Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Billie Wayne Prince, March 17, 2008.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Delana Calvert Prince, Charleston;



HOWARD PRINCE

three sons, Dan Prince, Hanson, Tim Prince, Anderson, S.C., and Bill Prince, Houston, Texas; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Dunn Missionary Baptist Church, Charleston, KY.

The Churches Of This Area Invite You To Worship With Them Each Week

Memorial Services Held For Gerald 'Jerry' Mills

Memorial services for Gerald Louis "Jerry" Mills, 64, of Benton, formerly of Marion, were held Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Mills died Dec. 25, 2013, at his home.

He was an Air Force Veteran, retired from UMWA and a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim Fred and Martha Mills; and a brother,

Tom Mills. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Mills, Benton; a son, Jamey Mills, Paducah; a daughter, Susana Henry, Marion; three brothers, Donald Mills and Hank Mills, both Dawson Springs, and William Mills, Bowling Green; three sisters, Elizabeth Boyd, Robinson, Ill., Laura Smith, Dawson Springs, and Elisa Nielson, Louisville; and three grandchildren.

Services Will Be Today For Nancy M. Nichols

The funeral for Nancy Martha Cook Nichols, 88, of Princeton, formerly of Dawson Springs, will be held at 2 p.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour.

The Rev. Roger Waters will officiate. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

Mrs. Nichols died Dec. 27, 2013, at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation.

She was born March 7, 1925, in Dawson Springs, to the late Ira and Rosa Robinson Cook.

She was a 1941 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and worked at Potter & Drumfield Manufacturing in Marion. She was a member of New Hope General Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Elliotte Earl Jackson; her second



NANCY NICHOLS

husband, Clarence Nichols; and a grandson.

Survivors include a daughter, Amelia Ann Farthing, Sturgis; a son, Elliotte Earl Jackson, Utica; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Nichols' grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Obituary Policy

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MOST NEW REVENUE IS SPOKEN FOR

Lawmakers Prepare For Making New State Budget

By Robyn L. Minor
Bowling Green Daily News

With projected new revenue of about \$300 million more, the state's budget likely won't face dramatic cuts when the General Assembly convenes in January, although most of that new revenue is already spoken for, lawmakers say.

Legislation from the 2013 General Assembly requires that at least \$100 million be used to begin fully funding the state's retirement system, some area lawmakers told the board of directors of the Barren River Area Development District on Monday.

"This is my first budget going into the session knowing that we don't have to make substantial cuts," said Sen. David Givens, R-Greensburg.

The additional revenue may sound like a lot, but in a \$10 billion budget, it really isn't — it's 3 percent.

Another \$100 million will be needed for the natural expansion of Medicaid spending and for state employees' health insurance. Givens said the state also will have to deal with losing about \$45 million from the master tobacco settlement agreement.

Givens said the state still isn't growing at the rate that forecasters predicted it would two years ago.

"We've got to find a way to take the shackles off this economy," he said, without elaborating about possible solutions.

Sen. Mike Wilson, R-Bowling Green, said education and job training are key areas to improve the economy. He wants to see the state's Support Education Excellence in Kentucky funding level for schools restored to 2009 levels from \$3,822 a student to \$3,866.

Rep. Jim DeCesare, R-Bowling Green, said he also wants to see that restored.

Some forecasters have said that would mean an additional \$60 million. Wilson thinks it's closer to \$20 million.

"But education has to change to meet challenges," he said, noting that means more of a focus on career and technical education.

Wilson said Franklin-Simpson Schools graduated four students last year with certificates in welding who are now making \$45,000 a year at age 19.

But his No. 1 economic priority will be helping Warren County land a commuter air service. A percentage of the state's budget goes to airports for various things.

"We've got to have it," Wilson said, noting Bowling Green is the state's third-largest city. Smaller cities, including Owensboro, have air service.

Rep. Martha Jane King, D-Bowling Green, said she will focus on trying to do something to make sure the state's 911 systems are funded adequately. Those systems in years past were primarily funded by fees placed on individual land lines.

"But systems are bleeding because of the lost land lines," King said. "We need to see what we can do to save that."

Rep. Wilson Stone, D-Scottsville, said the state needs to do a better job of funding its public school systems.

"That is one of those places that you need to be careful about eating your seed corn," Stone said.

And as for higher education, he said, "We need to do all we can to help them keep tuition" affordable.

Three lawmakers — Wilson, DeCesare and Rep. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green — want to see a focus on technology.

Wilson wants the state to increase its capacity to produce computer programmers and DeCesare said he will file legislation that would encourage the location of data farms. Richards said he will continue to try to get tablet computers in the hands of each fifth- and sixth-grader in the state.

"The state is not friendly to (data farms) because they can't depreciate their equipment, so we are looking at something that would help that," DeCesare said.

DeCesare said with companies such as Hitcents and Connected Nation in the community and Bowling Green's fiber optic network, this area would be a good spot for data farms.

As for the budget, DeCesare said he hopes they can keep any pain to a minimum.

Both Richards and DeCesare said they will continue to push to widen all of Interstate 65 to six lanes.

"I think I said at a meeting here a few years ago that at the present rate, I would be 112 before it would be done," Richards joked. "Now I think we've gotten it down to where I will be about 100. But we are moving along. ... With the 15-mile section planned for bid letting in the spring, that will get the widened road to almost Glendale. I give this group (BRADD) the credit for that."

Hart County Judge-Executive Terry Martin has been at the helm of a group pushing to get widening work completed as soon as possible. Martin had hoped to push U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Hopkinsville, for the need to get the federal highway bill reauthorized before October 2014. With that reauthorization, the state would have assurances of future road funding, Martin said.

Whitfield, who spoke briefly at the meeting, had to leave quickly during the meeting.

Whitfield defended coal — which he and many others in Kentucky say is under siege — at the meeting.

Whitfield believes the country is moving away from coal too quickly, considering that renewable

sources of energy are not yet developed enough.

"America is the only country where you can't build a new coal-fired plant," he said. "In fact, in the summer of 2015, there will be new regulations that mean even existing coal power plants will shut down."

Two coal-fired generation units in Whitfield's 1st Congressional District will be closing at some point. Tennessee Valley Authority will convert two of its coal units in Muhlenberg County to natural gas power. TVA will still have one coal unit there but expects to eliminate a couple of hundred jobs at the site.

Whitfield said those who want to regulate the extinc-

tion of coal plants have pointed to Europe's move toward renewable energy. But that example is flawed, he said, because power companies there have lost significant value because of the conversion cost and increased generation cost from using renewable sources of energy. That loss in value has turned Europe "upside down," he said.

Countries there are building new coal plants and in 2012, European countries received about 45 percent of the United States' coal exports. European countries realized they were building too fast in the wrong direction, Whitfield said.

Whitfield said "Obamacare" continues to present

its challenges, but he remains optimistic. It's Congress' job to help stimulate the economy and create jobs, he said.

Mark Lord, district director for U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Bowling Green, outlined some recent legislation introduced by Guthrie. One would require a cost analysis to determine the economic impact of any new regulations that would cost more than a certain threshold to enact. Guthrie's proposed REBUILD Act is a series of 10 reforms intended to help create and fill jobs, Lord said.

Jon Crosby, a field representative for U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said that as the budget bill wends its

way through the Senate this week, Paul continues to believe that any compromise should focus on budget cuts and not on raising the debt ceiling. The debate is expected to resume in earnest in February.

Paul also is introducing legislation that would allow outside voices to be heard in military sex abuse cases, as well as a measure intended to spur the economies of cities such as Detroit, Crosby said.

In impoverished zones that blanket Detroit, federal tax rates would be reduced to encourage economic development. Crosby said the same principal could work in certain areas of Louisville as well.



TOURING the home of Dudley and Ruth Riley Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, during the Holiday Home Tour are (from left) Marvalyn Tolbert, Judith Johnston and Cynthia Smith.



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scene; and failure to maintain insurance. The charges stem from a fatal crash in December 2011 that caused the death of Thomas Redden, 28, also of Dawson Springs.

Local business people were honored at a business and community appreciation dinner at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring 40 Cans for Lent, encouraging residents to donate one can of food each day for the 40 days of Lent. The food collected in Dawson Springs will be given to the DAPS food bank.

Feb. 13 — Kristin Peek was crowned DSHS homecoming queen at halftime of the Dawson Springs vs. Livingston Central basketball game.

Resurrection Catholic Church joined other area Catholic churches in The Light Is on for You, a program which provides parishioners the opportunity to reconnect with their churches.

Feb. 20 — AT&T activated 3G broadband service in Dawson Springs and St. Charles. Eight AT&T towers are being upgraded to high speed wireless broadband service.

The Dawson Springs Board of Education voted to take no action at this time on paying the estimated assessment for the failed Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust, an insurance pool established to help school districts lower costs.

Kentucky is in the designated spring forest fire hazard season through April 30. It is illegal to burn anything within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. during this period.

Feb. 27 — The Dawson Springs High School cheerleaders placed fourth in the KHSAA state competition held in Bowling Green. This was the first time in 66 years that a state-level trophy has been won by any DSHS team.

The city of Dawson Springs will join a Kentucky League of Cities pilot program which provides grant-writing services.

The Dawson Springs City Council unanimously approved the purchase and installation of an irrigation system for Riverside Park.

MARCH
March 6 — The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center kicked off its 2013 membership drive with a chili luncheon at the branch library.

The Dawson Springs El-

ementary School academic team placed second overall in district competition held at Jesse Stuart Elementary.

James Lee Stevens, a 1962 graduate of Dawson Springs High School, announced his retirement as superintendent of Hopkins County Schools after 45 years in education.

March 13 — Casey's Marketing Company announced plans to build a Casey's General Store in Dawson Springs. The proposed store is to be located on East Arcadia Avenue, approximately 385 feet east of the intersection with Holmes Street.

A scrapbooking weekend was held at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Local participants were involved, along with those from other Western Kentucky cities and from as far away as Illinois.

The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center reopened for the year with a student exhibit. The display features the work of Cindy Crider's art students from the Dawson Springs Independent School System.

March 20 — Jeffery R. Alfred, 26, of Dawson Springs, received a 10-year sentence in Caldwell County Circuit Court for manslaughter and other offenses in conjunction with a fatal crash in 2011.

The city of Dawson Springs took the first steps toward setting up an emergency preparedness plan through the Kentucky League of Cities.

The school board approved a new position of computer LAN technician. The classified position will replace the part-time technology job held by Kent Dillingham who is retiring at the end of the school year.

March 27 — Twenty-two professionals, all graduates of Dawson Springs High School, spoke to students about their careers during Career Day at the high school.

Students at Dawson Springs Elementary School participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program.

Special Holy Week services have been planned by local churches. An offering for DAPS will be taken at the annual Easter sunrise service.

APRIL
April 3 — The Rev. Randall Rogers, pastor of the Dawson Springs First Baptist Church announced his retirement after more than 40 years in the ministry. He has been in Dawson Springs since 1997.

Workers from Kentucky Utilities and AT&T were called when a tree fell on utility lines on Park Avenue, causing a power outage and loss of phone service.

April 10 — Mayor Jenny Sewell learned that Dawson Springs has been designated Kentucky's first Trail Town. First lady Jane Beshear will make the official announcement May 9.

The annual Friends of the Library lasagna luncheon was held in the Katherine Barnett room.

A one-mile Fun Walk to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held during the Derby for the Derby. The walk is organized by Kerry Hayes.

April 17 — Spruce Up Dawson Springs is scheduled for the week of April 22. The SUDS campaign is an opportunity for residents to clean up their property and dispose of unwanted items.

The Dawson Springs City Council voted in special session to sign a contract for a flood plain study. A preliminary study indicated the flood plain could possibly be lowered from 408.72 feet to 402 feet.

City attorney Ben Leonard told the city council that five lawsuits involving dilapidated housing are pending.

April 24 — The second annual Derby for the Derby will take place Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park.

The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center will hold its annual tag and plant sale in conjunction with Derby for the Derby.

More than \$27 million in asphalt rehabilitation projects were awarded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The projects include a 1.2-mile section of U.S. 62 (Arcadia Avenue) from the Caldwell County line to Holmes Street.

MAY
May 1 — The community responded in true Dawson Springs fashion to the 40 Cans for Lent program, bringing in 3,532 food items for DAPS.

Joshua Vinson, 32, of Dawson Springs, has pleaded guilty to multiple charges related to a 2012 incident during which he threatened to blow up the Dawson Springs Police Department. Sentencing is scheduled for July 1.

Dawson Springs native Scott Jennings attended the dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas, Texas. Jennings, a 1996 graduate of DSHS, worked as a White House staff member during the

Bush administration.

May 8 — Two Dawson Springs men were injured and one was arrested as a result of a collision between a dirt bike and a pickup truck on Beulah Road. Jimmie Patterson was arrested for operating under the influence after he struck Daniel Bean's off-road bike. Bean was in critical condition at St. Mary's Medical Center.

A large crowd attended the Derby Day luncheon held at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. The event, part of the Derby for the Derby activities, is a fund-raiser for the Derby House.

May 15 — A rain shower didn't dampen the enthusiasm in Dawson Springs when first lady Jane Beshear announced that Dawson Springs is Kentucky's first official Trail Town, part of an effort to promote and develop adventure tourism opportunities across the state.

Derby for the Derby netted more than \$900 for the Derby House in spite of the street fair being rained out.

May 22 — During the 104th commencement, a record 60 students were declared graduates of Dawson Springs High School. A total of \$311,078 in scholarships were awarded.

City attorney Ben Leonard updated the Dawson Springs City Council on a proposed cable franchise agreement which includes a clause permitting local programming.

The Dawson Springs Board of Education approved a tentative budget for 2013-2014 which, according to treasurer Jenny Bruce, is mostly "salaries and necessities."

May 29 — The 65th annual Barbecue will be moved from the municipal park to the downtown area. Sponsors of booths at the street fair will be able to keep their proceeds.

Children participating in the summer reading program at the branch library planted

flowers in the vacant lot on the corner of South Main and Munn streets.

JUNE
June 5 — A reception was held in honor of five staff members retiring from the Dawson Springs school system. They were Donna Parker, Phyllis Menser, Kent Dillingham, Donnie Allen and Dorinda Allen.

Volunteers prepared 160 gallons of sauce for the annual Barbecue.

A program which provides free noon meals for children under the age of 18 began serving at Belmont Apartments and Clarkdale Court.

June 12 — Proceeds from the second annual City of Dawson Springs Poker Run will benefit the Derby House.

The Chamber of Commerce held a planning session to finalize details for the July 3 fireworks display at Riverside Park as well as the annual Barbecue.

The Dawson Springs Elementary SBDM Council approved its budget for 2013-2014 which totaled \$34,000 with \$3,500 going to the school media center.

June 19 — The Dawson Springs City Council agreed to enter an agreement with the city of Madisonville and

Hopkins County which will provide local dispatch services from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. weekdays and all day weekends and official holidays.

Kristin Peek was crowned Miss Dawson Springs 2013 during the annual pageant sponsored by the Dawson Springs Professional Women.

The city council approved the recommendation of three grant sources for housing development needs. The grants would provide funding for rehabilitating distressed rental properties as well as homeowner repairs.

June 26 — An open forum was held in the high school multipurpose room to discuss the options for widening East Arcadia Avenue. Representatives from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet were on hand to answer questions.

The Dawson Springs Board of Education voted to approve refinancing the bond issue for the 2006 seventh and eighth grade addition.

The Tradewater Amateur Baseball Association began play at Riverside Park. The association is comprised of four teams which will play on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

School Spirit Week Begins

Jan. 6-10 has been designated Spirit Week in Dawson Springs schools. Spirit Week activities lead up to the Homecoming games on Jan. 11. Students will dress in the theme of the day:

Monday — pajama Day or Nerd Day
Tuesday — Cartoon Day, Superhero Day or Collegiate Sports Day
Wednesday — Animal Day (wear animal prints, dress up as any animal or bring a favorite stuffed animal) or Camo Day
Thursday — Cancer Awareness Day (dress in a cancer awareness color of choice)
Friday — Spirit Day (dress in purple and gold)
The first game of a boy-girl doubleheader between Dawson Springs and Frederick Fraize will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. The 2014 Homecoming queen and king will be crowned between games.
A dance for grades 5-8 will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and for grades 9-12 from 9 to 11 p.m. Pictures will be taken.

State Gasoline Prices Have Risen

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 6.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.33 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has increased 4.9 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.29.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs Monday afternoon were \$3.29 per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky dur-

ing the past week, prices Sunday were 2.7 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 8.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 2.2 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The sub \$3 a gallon gas was great while it lasted, but unfortunately it has nearly completely dried up," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick De-

Haan. "As of late Sunday night, zero states were seeing their averages under \$3 per gallon. As the new year rolls in, this is a type of trend that we're used to seeing. The bottom is behind us, and prices generally begin the new year on a higher note, like they will again this year. The trend won't last forever though as January and February feature generally weak demand that should limit increases and keep prices relatively moderate for the next month or two."

Law Enforcement Will Be Watching

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available in an effort to reduce loss of life on Kentucky roads.

"Kentucky is at the lowest number of highway fatalities since 1947," said Blanton. "A part of that number is due to enforcement and education efforts about traffic safety. The other part is credited to the vigilance of motorists who wear seat belts, reduce their driving speed and utilize designated driver programs."

As of Dec. 26, there had been 628 traffic deaths on Kentucky roads. Even though that number is significant in size, it is 116 fewer traffic deaths than reported in 2012.

"We are asking motorists to 'finish strong' when it comes to their driving be-

havior," said Blanton. "More drivers in Kentucky are making wise choices when it comes to traffic safety, and we encourage them to remain vigilant with these practices."

Blanton urges friends and family members to take the keys away from anyone who consumes alcohol and arrange for them to be driven home.

"We know there are going to be holiday celebrations this time of year where alcohol will be consumed, so your best bet is to always designate a sober driver before the parties begin," he said.

The national New Year's Eve holiday enforcement period begins at 6 p.m. Dec. 30 and extends through 11:59 p.m. Jan. 1.

In addition to focused

police enforcement programs taking alcohol and drug impaired drivers off the road, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials attribute the reduced 2013 fatality rate to safety belt usage, higher gasoline prices decreasing the number of miles being driven, and improved safety technology in new vehicles.

"Our engineers and maintenance personnel are doing all they can to build and maintain safer highways. Our enforcement agencies are doing their part to enforce speed limits and take drunk drivers and drug impaired drivers off the road," KYTC spokesman Keith Todd said. "We continue to ask everyone who gets in a vehicle to buckle up every time. It only takes about two seconds."

Hungover Drivers Are Dangerous

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alcohol in the person's system, Williams said.

"If the officer does not feel (the person is) safe to drive, they will not let them leave the scene," Williams said.

Williams said officers will ask unsafe drivers to call someone to come get them rather than letting them continue to drive.

As the two studies

showed, hungover driving can be unsafe and can impair someone's driving just as having a few beers before getting into a vehicle can. The researchers said a hangover is the result of withdrawal from alcohol and, when combined with dehydration and sleep deprivation, can pose a danger on the road.

"Any form of impaired driving is obviously a danger, not only to yourself, but to everyone else on the road-

ways," Williams said. "And the responsibility for keeping our roadways safe begins as soon as the key turns in your ignition, and whether or not your faculties are 100 percent to maintain safe operation behind the wheel."

Because police are aware that various holiday activities during the next week often include alcohol, Williams said understanding the European studies' results could potentially save lives.

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ABOUT TOWN By Scott

Trust Us, You Sure Don't Others

An AP-GfK Poll conducted in October shows that the American people not only have little trust in government, but they also have little trust in one another.

We have become a cynical people with little faith in big institutions like government and religion, but those numbers fluctuate with current events.

However, the number of people who trust in others has consistently gone down since this survey was first taken more than 40 years ago in 1972.

Half the people surveyed at that time stated most people can be trusted. That number has fallen to one in three who believe their fellow humans are trustworthy.

What that means is that most people don't believe what others say and would never trust a hand shake.

The numbers are especially high when we are traveling or behind the wheel.

Seventy-eight percent don't trust other people when they travel. They don't trust people away from home who swipe their credit card or who prepare food for them.

Only 21 percent put faith in others who are driving. Most mistrust the person behind the wheel, and it doesn't matter if they are also driving, biking or walking.

Thirty percent of us don't worry about the person swiping our credit card. The other 70 percent have worries.

Only 47 percent of us don't have worries about the food when we eat in a restaurant. The rest of us are afraid those who prepare food are likely not to be very careful with our vittles.

An amazing statistic is only half of us put trust in our doctors and their staffs, who are the most trusted of all in this poll.

A whopping 81 percent think the government in Washington can only be trusted to do what is right some of the time.

If you ask this scribe, trust begins with each of us individually. Too many of us know ourselves too well to put trust in others, and that's a very sad state of affairs.

In consideration of trusting in others, it would be reasonable for each of us to resolve in 2014 to be trustworthy and do what is right.

Too many have done what is wrong for too long.

"It's all in how you look at your life, because no one has a wonderful life. But you can make it what you want it to be." —Karolyn Grimes who played Zuzu in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," said to KOMO-TV in Seattle.

Grimes is now 74 years old. Her parents died before she was 15. She married twice. Her ex-husband died in a hunting accident and her second husband died of cancer. She had a son who committed suicide when he was 18.

Her statement that "you can make it what you want it to be" is true. It is up to us to make life the best we can.

However, she wasn't correct when she said no one has a wonderful life. No matter what happens next, I can say I have had a wonderful

life and have reason to believe many others would say the same thing — even those whose lives don't appear to be so wonderful.

Life is wonderful and precious.

Christmas was a bit different this year at our house as we celebrated the holiday with exchanging of gifts on the weekend before.

But Beth and I had a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus when we attended the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

The girls with the pretty legs, along with Santa Claus and a host of others, put on a good show which was very enjoyable.

But the highlight of the show is the finale, a depiction of a living nativity scene with shepherds, angels, the star, the wise men, Joseph, Mary and of course the baby Jesus.

Christmas Day, after a very lazy morning, was spent at Mom's with the girls playing cards and myself working on one of the most difficult jigsaw puzzles ever.

It was a nice Christmas.

Certain Kentuckians received a late Christmas gift Saturday afternoon when their beloved Kentucky Wildcats defeated the Louisville Cardinals at Rupp Arena.

A couple of weeks ago, I borrowed a Louisville Cardinal hoodie from one of their biggest fans, Kerry Oliver. I wanted to wear it to my Sunday School class Christmas party.

What I failed to tell Kerry was that we were to wear our "ugliest" Christmas sweaters for an ugly sweater contest. Since I don't wear sweaters, I didn't have one. I also didn't have a Louisville Cardinals hoodie. But I did get quite a laugh when I showed up wearing it and even got second place in the contest.

However, I'm not like many Kentucky Wildcat fans. I'm only against the team in red when they are playing Kentucky or any other in-state school. Why anyone could be for another team in the Big East or Atlantic Coast conferences is something I'll never understand. So sometimes I say, "Go Cards!"

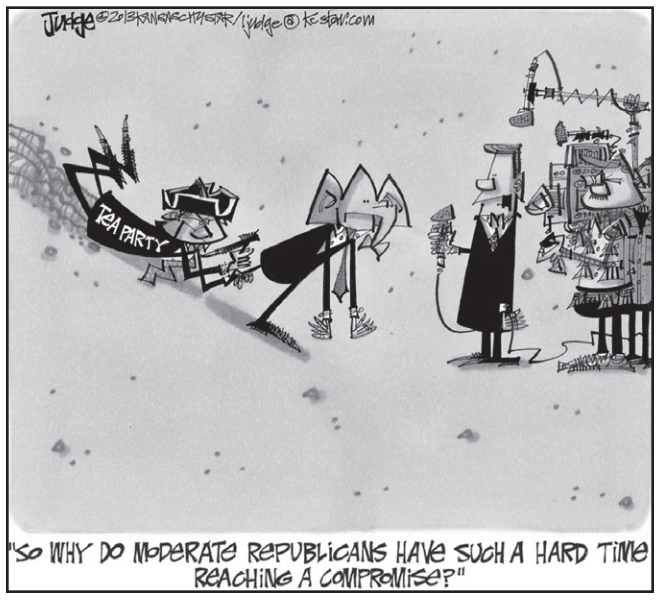
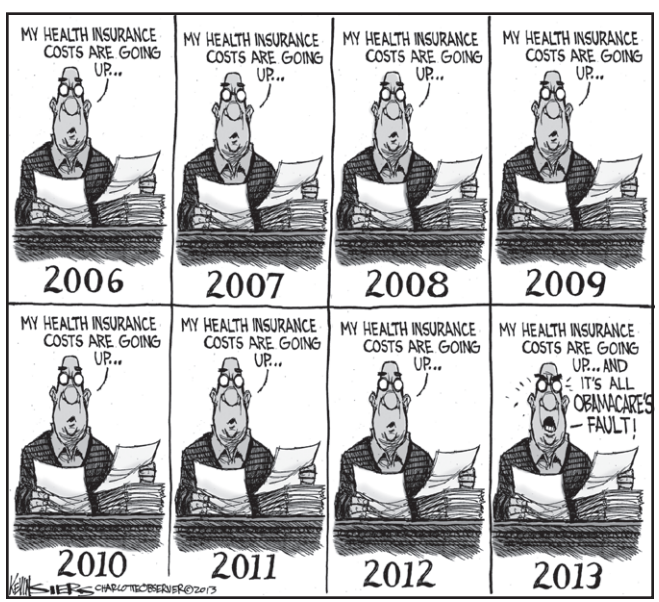
But never for the St. Louis Cardinals — unless of course they are playing the Yankees.

New year's resolutions are not my cup of tea, but here are some that I wish other people would make.

Gov. Steve Beshear: to resolve to do something — anything — to truly help his hometown.

Republicans and Democrats in Washington and Frankfort: to set aside party affiliation and work for what's best for the American people.

Sen. Mitch McConnell and any other legislator who has "served" us for more than 20 years: resolve to get a different job.



COMMENTARY

Senate Race Poll Is Puzzling

By Sam Youngman
Lexington Herald-Leader

Polling in the 2014 Kentucky U.S. Senate race has been vexing at best. The Public Policy Polling group has been about the only public group in the field over the last few months asking questions about Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Republican challenger Matt Bevin and Democratic hopeful Alison Lundergan Grimes. Despite PPP's enormous success in 2012, there are a few reasons we don't report the results as gospel:

1. There are always reservations when a mention of a polling firm has to be prefaced with "right-leaning" or "Democratic." That doesn't mean their results are inaccurate or unavoidably biased, but it does mean the methodology has to be closely scrutinized.
2. Until this most recent survey, PPP has sometimes used slanted questions in their polls, prefacing questions in their last run with phrases such as "Now that you know Mitch McConnell supported the shutdown..." The questions in their latest survey released were more straight-forward.
3. This is the one giving us the most heartburn. In a state where Democratic registration is significantly higher than Republicans but many Democratic voters consistently choose Republican candidates in federal elections, what should the survey sample be when it comes to party registration?

On its face, the poll found a seemingly accurate sample with 52 percent of respondents identifying themselves as Democrats. If anything, it might even have skewed in favor of Republicans given that the state is about 55 percent registered Democrats. But Kentucky is an anomaly. Consider that in this poll, 54 percent of respondents said they voted for Republican Mitt Romney in the last elec-

tion when the actual results saw Kentucky go for Romney with about 61 percent.

Frankly, we're not sure what the sample should look like, but it's wise to consider the uncertainty caused by party breakdown when looking at this or any poll done in Kentucky.

All that said, the Paddock is a sucker for polls. So looking at these results, the results of previous PPP polls and what folks are saying about various internal polls, here are our takeaways:

1. McConnell's numbers are bad. That is an understatement to say the least, and if PPP's numbers are real — 31 percent approve, 61 percent disapprove — they're even worse than the terrible numbers we have assumed. Not only that, but given McConnell's history of intensely negative campaigns, his favorable/unfavorable and approval numbers will likely only get worse as negative ads typically drive down the approval numbers of both the target and the buyer.

While the state's senior senator has never been beloved, it is probably a stretch that he is on par with President Barack Obama's 31 percent approval rating, especially considering that he consistently polls in the mid-40s when it comes to the question of re-election. Regardless, McConnell's numbers are abysmal, and they are the main reason this race has garnered national interest and Democratic longing.

While 31 percent seems too low, McConnell is unpopular and vulnerable.

The takeaway: McConnell's numbers are and will likely continue to be just awful. Kentucky voters, for the most part, both know and generally dislike or disapprove of McConnell. This probably isn't news to the senator, and he is far more interested in winning elections than popularity con-

OTHER EDITORS

Robertson's Views Surprised No One

When "Duck Dynasty" patriarch Phil Robertson expressed his views on a variety of topics that included statements regarding homosexuality, executives of the A&E network acted surprised. It was as if they had no idea that Robertson felt the way he did.

A&E would like us to believe that Robertson's views were not representative of the network nor the "Duck Dynasty" show.

A&E also would like us to believe that "Duck Dynasty" is a reality show based on the day-to-day lives of the Robertson family.

The 67-year-old's views on these subjects may not be the views of A&E, but to say that his beliefs and the beliefs of the entire Robertson family are not those of the show would be admitting that the show is not "reality."

The family is the show and the show is the family. It chronicles how they act and interact and focuses on their views and opinions of any number of topics. The Christian convictions of the Robertson family repeatedly have been featured by A&E in a number of ways, including the closing prayer around

the dinner table.

In addition to their duck call business success, their love for hunting and the men with long beards and loving families, A&E has used the Robertsons' religious beliefs as part of the foundation of "Duck Dynasty." He supported his questions about homosexuality with a detailed paraphrase of a Bible passage on the subject.

This is a significant societal clash and the statements plus reports focusing on A&E's reaction to the gay-rights issues gained major attention.

Since the controversy exploded, the evangelical community and conservative talk show hosts have spoken up on his behalf. Robertson also offered additional statements to explain his own well-documented infidelity and drug use to demonstrate how he came to become a Christian.

"I hit rock bottom and accepted Jesus as my Savior," he said. "My mission today is to go forth and tell people about why I follow Christ and also what the Bible teaches, and part of that teaching is that women and men are meant to be together."

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2003.)
The funeral for Mrs. Betty Jane Baird, 71, will be held Thursday, Jan. 1, at Beshear Funeral Home.

A graveside service for Fronie B. Brown, 81, is being held today at New Beulah Cemetery.

Mrs. Clyta "Bugs" Boucher died Saturday, Dec. 27. There will be no funeral or memorial service.

The funeral for Phillip Hooper, 48, was held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27 at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 29, 1988.)
The Southern Saints Motorcycle Club donated \$100 to the Dawson Springs Emergency Squad and gave away 10 Christmas baskets.

Local runners who earned awards in the YMCA's Cool Breeze Run held Dec. 10 at Madisonville are Glen Menser, Mike Lutz, Dale

Menser, Alan Laffoon, Blake Menser and David Menser.

50 Years Ago
(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Jan. 2, 1964.)
The Panthers defeated West Hopkins 64-61 in the consolation game of the Christian County Holiday Invitational Tournament at Hopkinsville Saturday night.

David Beshear was named first place winner of the recent Voice of Democracy speaking in the Dawson Springs High School.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Daisy Marie Castle, 58, Saturday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held for John Alvin Simons, 60, Monday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

Last rites were held for Oscar Benton Carner, 83, Monday, Dec. 23, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Last rites were held for Mrs. Dorothy Meade, 62, Wednesday, Dec. 25, at Beshear Funeral Home.


MOMENTS IN TIME

- On Jan. 2, 1811, Timothy Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, becomes the first U.S. senator to be censured when the Senate approves a motion against him. Pickering was accused of violating congressional law by publicly revealing secret documents.
- On Dec. 30, 1862, the U.S.S. Monitor sinks in a storm off Cape Hatteras, N.C. Just nine months earlier, the ship had been part of a revolution in naval warfare when the ironclad dueled to a standstill with the C.S.S. Virginia (Merrimack) — the first time two ironclads faced each other in a naval engagement.
- On Jan. 5, 1920, the New York Yankees major-league baseball club announces its purchase of the heavy-hitting outfielder George Herman "Babe" Ruth from the Boston Red Sox for the sum of \$125,000. The deal paid off as Ruth went on to smash his own home run record in 1920, hitting 54 homers.
- On Jan. 1, 1946, on the island of Corregidor, in Manila Bay, 20 Japanese soldiers approach a lone soldier — literally waving a white flag. The soldiers had been living in an underground tunnel and only discovered that the war was over by reading it in the newspaper.
- On Jan. 3, 1967, Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who killed the alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy, dies of cancer in a Dallas hospital. The Texas Court of Appeals recently had overturned his death sentence for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald and was scheduled to grant him a new trial.
- On Jan. 4, 1974, President Richard Nixon refuses to hand over tape recordings and documents that had been subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee. Nixon would resign from office in disgrace eight months later.
- On Dec. 31, 1984, Bernhard Goetz, the white man dubbed the "subway vigilante" after he shot four young black men on a New York City subway train, turns himself in at a police station in Concord, N.H. Goetz claimed that the men, all of whom had criminal records, were trying to rob him and that he had acted in self-defense.

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tests.

2. Grimes is in dangerous territory. Though nowhere near McConnell territory, Grimes has seen her negative numbers skyrocket since PPP first polled on the question in the spring. In May, according to PPP, Grimes came in at 34 percent favorable and 22 percent unfavorable. In the last two surveys, her unfavorables jumped to 37 percent. Either McConnell's attacks are working or voters are uncomfortable as they learn more about Grimes.

While PPP's last two surveys suggest Grimes has leveled off, it's a number that should give her campaign some concern as it engages in limited, earned-media pushback.

The takeaway: Grimes is more unknown than disliked. Support for her in these and other polls should be viewed at this stage as votes against McConnell and not necessarily for Grimes. While there are miles to go before the election, these numbers suggest that if Grimes doesn't define who she is, McConnell and his team will be happy to do it for her.

3. Bevin is still a question mark. In addition to the overall survey, PPP surveyed 540 Republican primary voters with a margin of error of 4.2 percentage points. The lesson there is that Bevin's 14/25 fav/unfav is not as much of an issue for the challenger as the 61 percent who don't know.

Bevin did not raise enough money in the third quarter to spend money on television ads, and most voters continue to be unaware of his campaign. There is anecdotal evidence that he is getting some looks, but it's difficult to gauge statewide interest when talking to activists or voters so involved that they attend townhall meetings on a Tuesday night six months out from an election.

If Bevin's end-of-year fundraising totals are stronger, they will indicate some degree of momentum and might allow him to introduce himself more broadly to Kentucky voters. If not, it's difficult to see how he gets the attention from Republican voters that he will need to upset McConnell.

As for the overall poll result showing Bevin leading Grimes head-to-head 39 percent to 38 percent, well, we're stumped. The best guess is that they are both still largely unknown and the result had more to do with their party identification than the strength of their campaigns. But it could also be a stark reminder for Democrats that despite close races and opportunities to win in recent years, Election Day seemed to reveal a ceiling for Democratic federal candidates.

The takeaway: If Bevin isn't focused on fundraising for the next few weeks, he should be. He has a limited window in which to prove his viability, and he will need a strong fourth-quarter report if he wants to overcome significant gaps

between him and McConnell.

4. This race is tied. Looking at overall polls, the last few PPP surveys and what Kentucky insiders have shared about their internal polling, this race is neck-and-neck and probably will remain so until next November. Last week's PPP poll shows McConnell at 43 percent and Grimes at 42 percent.

Someone who just glanced at this and the last PPP poll might think Grimes has dropped 3 points and lost her lead on McConnell.

That is probably not the case.

Don't read into the headline numbers. McConnell isn't winning this race by a point as the latest poll shows, just as Grimes wasn't winning by 2 points in October when the last poll was taken. As long as they're in the 2.5 percentage point margin of error it's a tie. While politicians and campaign staff know this, they will of course try to spin the results when they are favorable to their candidate. Don't buy it.

The takeaway: Buckle up because this is going to be a bumpy, nasty race with little room for fluctuation in the head-to-head numbers. It continues to be remarkable that Grimes, a largely unknown first-time federal candidate, is tied with the Senate Minority Leader, a five-term incumbent, and she is in a great position heading into 2014. But races like this are won in the margins and the mud, and those are two places McConnell is adept at winning.



MARY RUTH ARMSTRONG (right) visits with Billy and Beverly Seibert as they tour the Winfrey home Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, during the Holiday Home Tour.

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However, I would never treat anyone with disrespect just because they are different from me. We are all created by the Almighty and like Him, I love all of humanity. We would all be better off if we loved God and loved each other."

A&E's attempt to portray itself as being stunned by Robertson's remarks during an interview with GQ magazine simply is not believable.

A&E is responding as many corporations would, by attempting to distance itself from controversy through statements to the press. For a network that seems to have branded itself with a variety of "reality" shows, perhaps it would be best served to admit that its responses to this issue is motivated by a desire to maintain relation-

ships with advertisers.

The true "reality" of "Duck Dynasty" is that it has been a virtual money machine that A&E can ill afford to lose. According to a Hollywood entertainment Web site called "The Wrap," Robertson's suspension will amount to no more than one episode in season five because nine of the 10 new episodes have been filmed. This is the equivalent of being sent to the "timeout" chair and further amplifies the disingenuous response from A&E.

It is not surprising to learn that Phil Robertson, who declares his faith and preaches in a conservative Louisiana church, believes what he does or that he is willing to exercise his First Amendment rights and express it. He also has to live with the consequences of his statements, but the Robert-

son family seems to be completely OK with that.

As a business, A&E also has the right to suspend him for his comments just as it did to Duane Chapman of the "Dog the Bounty Hunter" show regarding racial slurs made during a phone conversation with his son that was recorded and posted online. That also is not surprising in this world of political correctness.

For A&E executives to imply that Robertson's views are surprising and do not represent the program can best be described as offensive. It's an insult to the viewers' intelligence. If A&E wants the Robertson family to only represent the beliefs and opinions of the network, then it has cast the wrong people.

—The News Enterprise

Motor Fuels Tax Rate Will Decline

Kentucky's "gas tax" on sales of gasoline, diesel and ethanol motor fuels will decrease by 1.5 cents per gallon on New Year's Day, reflecting a drop in the calculated average wholesale fuel price.

The decrease would result in a loss to the Kentucky Road Fund of about \$45 million on an annualized basis.

"The Road Fund is our

source of revenue for building, improving and maintaining Kentucky roads and bridges, so any loss of revenue is concerning," said Mike Hancock, Kentucky transportation secretary.

The tax on motor fuels is a classic user fee, paid by those who use public highways and bridges. It has three components: variable excise tax, supplemental user fee of 5 cents per gallon and underground storage tank cleanup fee of 1.4 cents per gallon.

There also is a federal tax of 18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline.

The excise tax was enacted in 1920. But in the 1980s, the Kentucky Legislature provided for a variable excise tax as a percentage of average wholesale price of gas and diesel.

The variable excise tax rises, falls or stays unchanged from quarter to quarter on the basis of a survey of AWP of motor fuels. The survey is conducted by the Department of Revenue in the first month of each quarter (January, April, July and October) and the change in rate — if any — takes effect on the first day of the first month of the following quarter.

For purposes of the excise tax rate, the amount of any increase in the AWP is capped at 10 percent per year.

By virtue of the October 2013 survey, the state variable excise tax will decline by 1.5 cents per gallon on Jan. 1 to 24.4 cents per gallon from 25.9 cents. The last decrease in the excise tax was in October 2010.

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OWIN RILEY (23, left photo) puts up a shot between a pair of Murray defenders during action Dec. 19 at Panther Gym. Above, Justin Putman (43) muscles up a shot inside during the eighth grade game.
PHOTOS BY MIKE HOWTON

8th Graders Drop Barn Burner, 44-43

In a barn burner of a basketball game, the Panther eighth grade boys dropped a one-point game Dec. 19 to Murray 44-43.

The Panthers trailed at each quarter stop.

The score was 14-8 after the opening period, but the Panthers cut the lead to 22-19 at halftime. The lead stayed at three, 33-30, entering the final quarter.

The Panthers were led in

scoring by Austin Clark with a game-high 16 points. Owin Riley was also in double figures with 10 points.

Justin Putman scored eight; Ryan Bardin added five; and Kevin

Brooks and Caleb Hickerson each scored two points.

Ethan Back, son of 1986 Dawson Springs High School graduate Rusty Back, led Murray in scoring with 14 points.

The eighth grade boys played five games in a season-ending tournament at Murray but the results weren't given to The Progress because there was not a local book kept.

Freshman Panthers Top Trigg

The Panther freshmen boys basketball team beat Trigg County's freshmen 47-38 Monday morning at Panther gym.

The Panthers led 10-7 after the first quarter; 22-19 at the half; and 36-31 after three quarters.

The Panthers' Hunter Dyer and Trigg County's Delo Triplett each scored 16 points to lead all scorers.

Also scoring in double figures for the Panthers were Dylan Simpson and Austin Hart with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Tanner Adams scored eight and Dakota Jones added two for the winners.

The Panthers only made five of 16 free throws for a paltry 31 percent.

Trigg County made five of seven for 71 percent.



Former Coach Returns

A FORMER COACH returned to Panther gym recently. Philip Back, former coach at DSHS, his grandson Ethan, who plays on Murray's eighth grade team, and his son Rusty, who is a 1986 graduate of DSHS, were all on hand for a Dec. 19 contest here.

PHOTOS BY MIKE HOWTON



Louisville Dismisses Chane Behanan From Team

By GARY B. GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

Louisville dismissed junior forward Chane Behanan from the team on Monday for another violation of university policy.

Cardinals coach Rick Pitino did not specify what rule was broken but expressed disappointment that the 6-foot-6 forward had another setback just a month after being reinstated from a 26-day suspension for violating school policy. The coach said Behanan and the Cardinals (11-2) were informed of the decision on Monday morning.

Behanan was a key member of Louisville's national championship squad and was named to the Final Four all-tournament team. He had

averaged 8.3 points, 6.2 rebounds and shot 67 percent from the field in 11 games this season backing up sophomore power forward Montrezl Harrell.

Pitino said "away from the lines he just did not do the right things. ... It sets our basketball team back immensely."

Behanan went scoreless with seven rebounds in Saturday's 73-66 loss to No. 15 Kentucky. The Cincinnati native averaged 9.3 points and 6.9 rebounds per game during his Louisville career.

"I want to apologize for letting down my family, teammates, coaches, (athletic director) Tom Jurich, this university and the Louisville fans," Behanan said in a statement released by the school.

Behanan's exit leaves the Cardinals thin in the frontcourt entering Tuesday night's American Athletic Conference opener at Central Florida and jeopardizes their hopes of repeating as champions.

Besides 6-5 small forward Wayne Blackshear, 6-6 perimeter threat Luke Hancock and 6-9 reserve Stephan Van Treese, Louisville's only other post player is 6-8 freshman Akoy Agau. On top of losing Behanan, Pitino also suggested that junior guard Kevin Ware could be redshirted after struggling to come back from last year's devastating leg injury sustained in the Midwest regional final against Duke.

Louisville's frontcourt problems were exposed by Kentucky,

which outrebounded the Cardinals 44-36 and outscored them 42-24 in the paint.

Behanan's dismissal ends a tumultuous early season for him. He was coming off the bench after starting 37 of 39 games during the Cardinals' title run last year.

Pitino announced on Oct. 17 that Behanan was suspended indefinitely following the unspecified violation. He was reinstated on Nov. 11 and returned the next day against Hofstra after meeting conditions that surprised his coach.

However, troubles continued to follow Behanan.

After returning from his suspension, Behanan's name came up again after his 2012 Final Four ring

turned up for sale on a sports memorabilia Web site late last month. The player's mother said he gave the jewelry to his grandmother and that it had been stolen from her home without her or Behanan's knowledge.

The Web site quickly removed the ring and returned it to the family. A university investigation later cleared Behanan from any involvement in the process.

Since then Behanan had been trying to regain the aggressive form that helped lead Louisville to its third NCAA title. He had recorded two double-doubles this season including season highs of 13 points and 12 rebounds in his second game back against Cornell on Nov. 15.

2013 Reflections: Sports Person Of The Year Thoughts

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

Reflections.
Kentucky 73, Louisville 66.
Fans (and CBS) got their money's worth at Rupp Arena last week. Louisville at Kentucky was entertainment at its delicious best: Adrenaline, antagonist-protagonist (coaches), passion, rise-and-fall drama, more passion, players appreciated the crowd, then a Bill Keightly "Whew, glad that's over!" joy. For the other side, a few tears, lots of jeers, "we got cheated!" rant then, "How about those Charlie Strong Cards!?"
Beautiful college game. With personal bias toward the idea — home team should win for sake of those who fill an arena."
Kentucky 73, Louisville 66.
It served to remind us of these things.
✓ Fans shouldn't have to wait 13 games into a season for a high caliber home game. Until Saturday neither team had played a home game worthy of their fans. Zero.
Likes of UNC Asheville and Texas Arlington at Rupp Area, and Fairfield-Uncasville and Missouri-Kansas City at Yum! Center were no more than show time for sideline screaming coaches.
Kentucky 73, Louisville 66 observations.
✓ Russ Smith's flying dunk over Julius Randle was large on style points and might have been a five-pointer except it was more a statement of one-on-everybody that counted two.
✓ Where a game is played, how it is officiated makes national rankings irrelevant and is a sucker bet for those who believe point spreads.
✓ A Louisville newspaper story was bound to tell UofL fans — Peyton Siva and Gorgui Dieng don't play here anymore.
✓ A Lexington newspaper story was bound to elevate a John Calipari remark into papal encyclical: "We grew up today."
If Kentucky grew up last week, and UofL too, forgive me, but I am left to wonder — for two-and-half months and 13 games in — two ball coaches who could balance the Bluegrass State's budget by writing one check each, what on earth have they been doing?

2013 reflections

Sports Person of the Year candidates?
1. Teddy Bridgewater quarterbacked Louisville to a 12-1

season, bowl win and earned his college degree.
2. Antonio Andrews at Western Kentucky was first team All-American and led the nation (Football Bowl Subdivision) with 3,161 all-purpose yards, second-highest single season total in history.
3. Rick Pitino led Louisville to an NCAA title and was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.
4. Bowling Green High School football team won another state title, had a 14-0 season and extended its win streak to 44 in a row.
Sports Person of 2013 winner is ...
The Secret Santa in Louisville.
Insisting on anonymity, a person connected to UofL athletics went to a Walmart in Jefferson County a week before Christmas and paid \$13,000 to cover all lay-away items for 169 families.
Merry Christmas.

2013 highlights

✓ In April, second time in three years a team from Kentucky won the NCAA men's basketball championship. Louisville Cardinals.
✓ Rick Pitino. His Hall of Fame induction speech included: "If a person has five great friends in life, then I'm the Warren Buffett (of friendships). I've had and have so many. Being at Louisville has taught me what true family is about."
✓ In September Dr. Orlando 'Tubby' Smith was inducted into the University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame. A place next to Adolph Rupp.
✓ In December Cumberlands University's football team played in the NAIA championship game. Patriots fans celebrated a 13-0 regular season.
✓ Ex-Kentucky player DeMarcus Cousins took more than 100 San Diego-area children Christmas shopping, picked up the tab and gave their families \$50 each.
✓ Ex-Western Kentucky running back Bobby Rainey, after three NFL teams in three seasons, became feature back at Tampa Bay.
✓ In October the Pittsburgh Pirates' first winning season in 21 years, earned a playoff spot, after which Clint Hurdle and Andrew McCutchen won Manager of the Year and Most Valuable Player Awards respectively.
✓ In November at Slugger Museum in Louisville, Hall of Famer Bill Mazeroski auctioned his Pirates memorabilia. His family and Pirates charities will share \$1.79 million. Mazeroski's Uniform worn in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series sold for \$632,500.
✓ Email item from a life-long Cincinnati Reds fan in

Whitesburg. Recalling Big Red Machine 1970s playoffs games with the Pittsburgh Pirates, "... me and a bunch of high school friends, some of whom were Pirates fans, cut class in the afternoons to watch NL playoff games. (But) the best ever was April 4, 1974. Six of us were at Riverfront Coliseum to see Hank Aaron tie Babe Ruth's home run record. I still have my ticket stub." — Ben Gish
✓ In December 13 percent of 900-plus Heisman Trophy voters did not include Florida State's Jameis Winston on their ballots.

Worth repeating dept.

✓ FOX News reporter Jen Floyd Engel said "We have come to believe, in college basketball nobody is more important than the coach. We have built a Mt. Rushmore of Dean, Coach K, Bob Knight, Jim Boeheim, Bill Self, John Calipari, Rick Pitino, on and on and on while relegating players to props they expertly move around on dry-erase boards. This, too, is a lie."
✓ In July ex-Indiana star Cody Zeller was asked, "any regrets about going back to college for 2012 season?"
"No regrets at all. I wanted the college experience and I enjoyed being on campus. College is a one time thing. You can't get it back."
✓ Former Western Kentucky U. basketball player Orlando Mendez-Valdez said: "Playing in the NBA is the dream of every kid, but as you get older, you start realizing there's a lot more to life than basketball. That's the direction my life has taken. Before, basketball was everything to me. But I realize it's also important to be a good husband and a good father when we start having kids."
✓ In October NBA commissioner David Stern, who is credited for one-and-done, said, "The drum beat I hear about colleges not liking what they refer to one-and-done, (our) developmental league will accept players (who) are 18 and (we) will do a better job of educating them than the college programs they are in."

Finally

In October John Calipari said "We are borderless. We're everywhere. No corner is left untouched by the blue mist. UK (is) the gold standard of college athletics. We don't just play college basketball. We ARE college basketball."
So, Catch Phrase-of-the Year for '13? Posterize? Sequestration? Duck Dynasty? Obamacare?
My choice: Blue Mist.
And so it went in 2013..

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Kentucky: More Hunting Opportunities Than Ever

Earlier this year, Outdoor Life magazine picked Kentucky as the nation's top spot for trophy white-tailed deer.
The state produced 42 reported entries into the Boone and Crockett Club record book in 2012.
"We've got more hunting opportunities now than we've ever had," said Karen Waldrop, wildlife director for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "And we're nationally recognized as a deer destination."
While it won't be known until later if hunters in Kentucky have topped that trophy mark this year, they have certainly enjoyed another record deer harvest.
Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website (fw.ky.gov) reported 139,228 deer telechecked as of Dec. 26, up almost 6 percent from last year's overall harvest record. That total could climb some more.
An unprecedented deer season stands as one of the department's highlights in 2013.
The ongoing efforts by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to restore the state's bobwhite quail population and the expansion of Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and State Forest in western Kentucky as well as new regulations permitting night coyote hunting are all accomplishments of the wildlife division.
In addition, wildlife biologists continued their work with University of Kentucky graduate students on separate research projects focused on the state's restored elk herd.
"We want to sustain the herd to where we have a huntable population, allow the maximum opportunity for hunters and still have a healthy herd that behaves and acts like an elk herd should," said Gabe Jenkins, wildlife biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
Fieldwork for a four-year research project focused on assessing lifespan, identifying causes of death and tracking movement just wrapped up. The study also identified elk habitat use and food sources.
A cow elk study, started last winter when 40 adult cow elk received radio collars and ear tags, is looking not only at the lifespan of cows but also at the social structure of the herd, reproductive success and mortality factors.
"As an agency, we're going to continue to try to keep this up for a while," Jenkins said. "So even when the students are finished with their work, we have some things that we want to look at and address. We're going to continue to deploy collars and try to keep up with that sample size for a while at least."
This past year also saw opportunities for bear hunting expand in Kentucky.
The bear zone now encompasses a 16-county region, a separate archery/crossbow season was established and the first bear quota hunt with dogs was initiated. Hunters met their

Two New Quail Forever Chapters Now In Kentucky

Kentucky is home to two new Quail Forever (QF) chapters. Residents from Hardin County formed the Lincoln Trail Chapter while residents from Boone, Kenton, Campbell, and Grant counties formed the Northern Kentucky Chapter of Quail Forever. Both groups are dedicated to habitat improvement that benefits upland birds and other local wildlife.
Quail Forever and Pheasant Forever (PF) empower local chapters with the responsibility to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds will be spent. This local control allows members to see the fruits of their chapter efforts in their own communities while belonging to a national organization with a voice on federal conservation policy in Washington, D.C.
"These new Quail Forever chapters will be vital to both the preservation and increased population of bobwhite quail in Kentucky," said Brian Nentrup, Quail Forever's Kentucky regional representative. "Dedicated folks from the community have organized to form each of these groups, and it is my pleasure to serve them as a representative in order to maximize our programming for Quail Forever in this region."
Quail Forever, the leader in quail conservation efforts, was formed on August 10, 2005 by Pheasants Forever to address the loss of quail habitat and the subsequent quail population decline across the U.S. quail range.
Quail Forever utilizes the same model that has allowed Pheasants Forever's 600 chapters and 125,000 members to accomplish over 460,000 habitat projects across the country since its formation in 1982.
Kentucky is home to six Quail Forever chapters. For more information on "The Habitat Organization" in Kentucky, please contact Brian Nentrup at (317) 753-4543 or email brian@quailforever.org.

KENTUCKY AFIELD

quota of 10 bears during the inaugural archery/crossbow season, with the largest a 375-pound male taken with a crossbow in Wayne County.
Fisheries Division Director Ron Brooks noted the continued efforts to blunt the advancement of Asian carp as one of the division's key areas of focus in 2013.
Commercial anglers netted almost 83,000 pounds of Asian carp over a two-day tournament held in March on Kentucky and Barkley lakes. Bighead and silver carp reproduce quickly and gorge on plankton that forms the base of the aquatic food chain.
The department also worked to stem the Asian carp's migration up the Ohio River.
"We contracted fishermen to fish in the Greenup and Meldahl pools primarily," Brooks said. "We learned a lot about the numbers of Asian carp in those pools and what we need to do moving forward on that leading edge project."
Trophy catfish in the Ohio River attracted attention this year.
Kentucky Fish and Wildlife engaged in a project with agencies from Indiana and Illinois and two out-of-state universities to determine the population status of blue, flathead and channel catfish in the Ohio River and whether trophy-sized catfish were being overharvested.
"The trophy fishermen, the folks that like to go to the tournaments have all been saying for several years that the number of big fish is going down," Brooks said. "The pay lake industry, coincidentally, has been going up in terms of interest for having commercial fishermen bring them trophy-sized fish. They've got a trophy component at pay lakes now."
"We got a bit concerned that the data we had prior to last year was maybe insufficient to look at size. So we put together a project and it showed us that there were some potential issues in the upper portion of the river."
Earlier this month, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted in favor of new restrictions to limit the number of trophy catfish that can be taken daily by commercial fisherman and sportfish anglers.
Legislative approval is needed before the restrictions become law. If passed, anglers fishing on a sport fishing license would be allowed to keep one blue and flathead catfish more than 35 inches long and one channel catfish more than 28 inches long on the Ohio River with no daily creel limit on fish under those limits.

Quail Forever is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to quail restoration and upland habitat conservation. Quail Forever and its sister organization, Pheasants Forever, have more than 135,000 combined members and 745 local chapters across the United States and Canada.

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The past year brought some good news about Lake Cumberland.
The Army Corps of Engineers dropped the water level in the lake in 2007 to ease pressure on Wolf Creek Dam because it was at risk of failing. With repairs to the dam nearing completion, the Corps raised the lake to 705 feet above sea level this past spring and could return it to its normal 723 feet above sea level next year.
"The water level has increased to about half of what we lost in 2007. They did that earlier than was planned," Brooks said. "That helped the striped bass fishery and probably helped the trout fishery below in the tailwater as well."
The Fishing In Neighborhoods (FINs) program expanded this year and now includes 39 lakes, he noted. Also of note was the expansion and renovation of the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery, one of two hatcheries owned and operated by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
"We added eight more acres of ponds and a pretty large, intensive rearing building as well," Brooks said. "That will help us. Our goal is to increase production out of that hatchery by 20 percent."
These important 2013 accomplishments will bring better hunting and fishing in the future. They also will improve overall fish and wildlife populations for the enjoyment of all Kentuckians.

Kevin Kelly joined Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in December 2013. His journalism career has included stops at daily newspapers in Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Petersburg, Fla. and Charleston, S.C. He is an avid angler with a passion for muskellunge and stream fishing.

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“Key” Strategies For A Safe New Year’s Celebration:

- **Plan an alcohol-free celebration** – Host a fondue or “make your own” ice cream sundae party as a fresh alternative. Add some fun party games to keep guests entertained without drinking!
- **Check your keys with the host** – This is an effective strategy for giving the host some control over inebriated guests.
- **Keep the number of a taxi company handy** – A good tip for both party guests and hosts alike.
- **Offer to drive a guest home** – Start the New Year off right by performing a good deed and help keep drunk drivers off the road.
- **Appoint a designated driver** – Use the buddy system and you can return the favor next time.
- **Provide lots of snacks to party guests** – Drinking on an empty-stomach rapidly increases alcohol’s debilitating effects.
- **Post transportation info on party invites** – Include information for public transportation, car pools and taxi company phone numbers.
- **Don’t let a friend drive drunk** – Take the car keys away or use one of the strategies above to see your friends safely home.

Race To The Top Grant Will Jump-Start Learning

From Kentucky Press
News Service

Kentucky's new \$44.3 million Race to the Top grant will jump-start learning, support parents and improve early learning programs for thousands of Kentucky preschoolers, Gov. Steve Beshear said Thursday.

The White House announced Dec. 19 that Kentucky is among the six winners of a Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant to support early learning and development reform agendas. The winning states, which will receive a combined \$280 million, must show a willingness to carry out sweeping improvements to programs focused on children from birth to age 5.

"This \$44 million grant represents one of the largest single investments in Kentucky's students — and it's targeted specifically to our youngest students, who will carry the positive impact of these programs throughout their school careers," Beshear said in a statement released by his office. "This is an unprecedented opportunity to make the large-scale improvements in early childhood education that we have long known are critical to student success, but have always been shelved because of lack of funding. Make no mistake — we cannot underestimate the good that will come from this grant in the years to come."

"Quality early childhood education can mean the difference between success and failure for kids — especially those from low-income families," Education Commissioner Terry Holliday said in a state news release. "Better preparing young children for school has positive long-term effects on school achievement, whether a student is retained or placed in special education and ultimately whether he or she graduates from high school ready for college and career."

Early Childhood Education is Key to Future Success

Investing in quality early childhood education offers substantial benefits for both students and communities for years. Experts say that every dollar spent on preschool and early childhood education programs carries a return on investment ranging from \$2 to \$17.

The PEW Center on the States found that the positive effect of high-quality preschool "generates significant savings because children need fewer higher-priced interventions such as special education and grade retention." High-quality early childhood education increases the likelihood of graduating from high school — one study found that dropout rates were reduced by 25 percent.

According to the Prichard Committee, children who attend high-quality preschool are more likely to be employed and have higher earnings as adults. In addition, the Committee for Economic Development, a national nonprofit, nonpartisan business-led public policy organization, found that participants in one long-term preschool study "performed better on other indicators of economic stability, such as owning a home, owning a car, maintaining a savings account, and being financially independent."

In October, Kentucky submitted a more than 1,000-page grant proposal, outlining the Kentucky All-STARS plan (Accelerating Learning Statewide Through an Advanced Rating System). Kentucky's plan was among 17 entries submitted for the Race to the Top funds.

Kentucky All-STARS includes four main components:

- Expanded quality rating system for all public and private early learning programs. Public and private preschools and learning programs can join a

voluntary quality rating system, but only about 40 percent of providers currently participate. All-STARS will require all early childhood education programs to participate in the quality rating system by 2017, while also encouraging annual improvement. The new mandatory system, STARS, will also require programs to display their STARS rating so parents and guardians can choose an early childhood program based on quality standards.

—Supports for families. All-STARS will promote two family engagement strategies to help all families with young children support the child's early development. Local partnerships are an important component of this effort — helping parents access help they need for a variety of issues — such as child care, learning intervention or

others. All-STARS will also expand the Toyota born-learning Academies, which are parent-friendly workshops for low-income families held at local elementary schools. These Academies help families learn how to prepare young children for kindergarten, while forming relationships with the school and administration to smooth the transition from home to classroom. These Academies will expand to 150 or more schools within four years.

—A responsive professional development system. High-quality teachers directly impact student development progress. All-STARS will use the new rating system for preschools and early learning programs to facilitate professional development for early childhood teachers.

—Improved and linked data systems. Sharing com-

munity data on early childhood education will help communities and agencies develop strategies for im-

proving services to young children and their families. All STARS will integrate data from multiple partners,

which will eventually allow partners to evaluate successes or concerns at an early stage.



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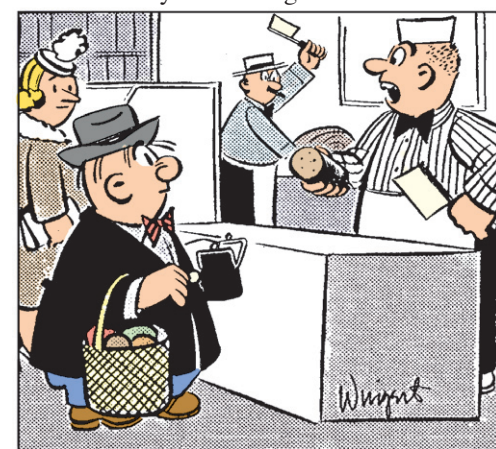
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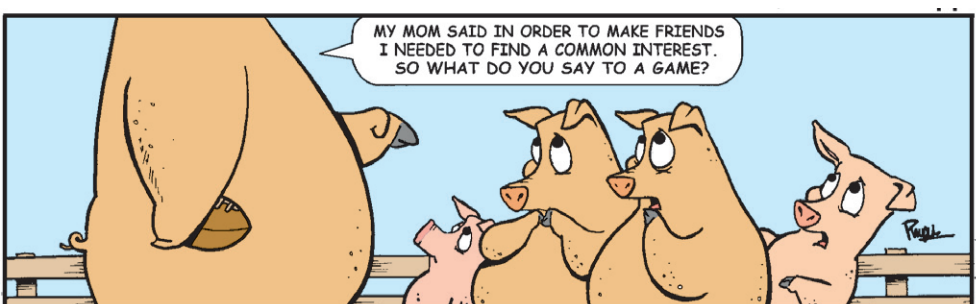
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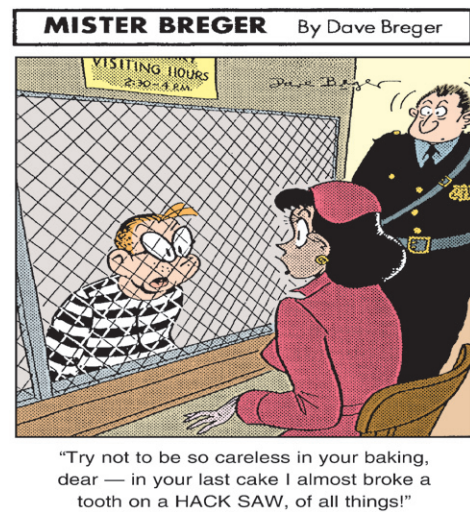


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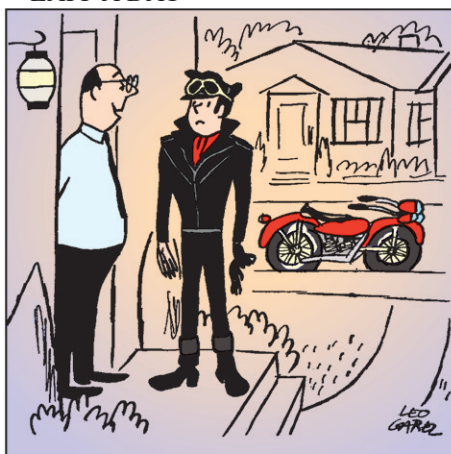


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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue,
M.D.

Antibiotic Treatment Helps Some With COPD

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: On the local news, they were talking to a doctor about using an antibiotic for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD. The name of the drug is azithromycin. What do you know about this, and what is your opinion? -- D.L.

ANSWER: COPD encompasses two lung diseases, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Emphysema is destruction of the millions of tiny air sacs in the lungs. Through those structures oxygen passes into the blood, and carbon dioxide passes out of it. Severe shortness of breath on slight physical activity is the hallmark of emphysema. Chronic bronchitis is inflammation of the airways, the bronchi. Along with inflammation, the airways fill with thick mucus. A constant cough is the main sign of chronic bronchitis. Both conditions usually exist together. Azithromycin, the antibiotic you mentioned, has been suggested as a daily treatment at a reduced dose for those with COPD who have many flare-ups of their illness. A flare-up makes breathing exceedingly difficult and sometimes requires hospitalization to control. Flare-ups add to the destruction of normal lung tissue. Viruses are

often the cause. However, the inflamed and mucus-filled airways also are hosts to many bacteria, whose numbers rise during a flare-up. They make a contribution to symptoms and lung destruction.

Studies have shown that a daily administration of a rather small dose of azithromycin, 250 milligrams, decreases flare-ups of COPD. Other studies suggest that a three-day-a-week dose of azithromycin is equally effective.

If you have frequent episodes where your COPD worsens, then talk to your doctor about the advisability of you going on this program. The medicine can be taken for a full year and longer. It's an exciting breakthrough for those whose spells of COPD worsen.

The booklet on COPD explains this common malady in detail. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue -- No. 601W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My daughter is 58 years old. For the past 10 years, she has heard her heart pulsating. It's a loud and disturbing noise that she hears from time to time. She has had an

MRI and other heart-related tests. The results are normal. What is your opinion?
-- E.G.

ANSWER: Pulsatile tinnitus is ear noise, usually heard in one ear, that's synchronous with the heartbeat. The noise can arise in the carotid arteries in the neck, arteries in the vicinity of the ear, malformed vessels in the head and neck or disturbed blood flow through veins of the head and neck. Impacted earwax is another cause.

Your daughter has had many tests that should have uncovered blood vessel problems. I'm at a loss to suggest a cause of her tinnitus. If her hearing is not as acute as it was, that might be the problem. Has she seen an ear, nose and throat doctor? If not, she should. An ENT doctor would pick up on that.

She might be able to tolerate tinnitus at night if she turns a bedside radio to soothing music.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: In what U.S. state is Salt Lake City located?
 2. HISTORY: Where did abolitionist John Brown's famous raid take place in 1859?
 3. ENTERTAINERS: Which stand-up comedian, who starred in the movie "Back to School," was born with the name Jacob Cohen?
 4. ANATOMY: What is the most common type of blood?
 5. MOVIES: "Anne of the Thousand Days" is a film about which historical couple?
 6. GAMES: What early version of a video game mesmerized TV viewers in the mid-1970s?
 7. RELIGION: What are the first four books of the Bible's New Testament, in order?
 8. COMICS: What is Catbert's title in the "Dilbert" comic strip?
 9. BUSINESS: What popular business did Judy Sheppard Missett create?
 10. TELEVISION: What was Ray's last name in the series "Everybody Loves Raymond"?

Answers

 1. Utah
 2. Harpers Ferry, (West) Virginia
 3. Rodney Dangerfield
 4. O positive
 5. Anne Boleyn and King Henry VIII
 6. Pong
 7. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
 8. Evil Director of Human Resources
 9. Jazzercise
 10. Barone

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Christian County Schools Place Ban On Fast Foods

By Margarita Cambest
The Kentucky New Era

No more fast food in Christian County Public School lunch rooms. The Board of Education voted to ban “commercially prepared, restaurant meals” Dec. 17.

Sandra McIntosh, food service director for CCPS, said the decision allows her to enforce a federal mandate that has been questioned by some local principals.

“It’s a more nutritional meal,” she said of what students can purchase in lunch rooms. “We’re targeted on lower fat, more whole-grain and more dark green and red vegetables.”

Prepared foods must now be put in a non-identifiable container to pass the cafeteria doors —essentially meaning no logos. Takeout containers and bags must be discarded, and the food placed in a lunch box or brown bag if brought from home.

Soda is out as well. The consumption of bottled or

canned carbonated beverages during meal times is also forbidden.

McIntosh said 14 schools in the district qualify for free meals as part of a federally funded lunch program but many students are choosing to have fast food dropped off by their family members.

“It is in direct competition with the federal lunch program,” she said.

The National School Lunch Program leaves the authority to control the sale of foods in direct competition with the national program with state and local agencies, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

The local prohibition falls on teachers and faculty members while in the cafeteria as well. It does not, however, prohibit staff members from consuming fast food while in the teacher’s lounge.

The decision passed on first reading and will officially go into effect after a second reading in January.



RITA BROWN entertains guests at the seniors citizens Christmas party Monday, Dec. 16.

KET Lists Upcoming Programs

On the Jan. 5 edition of One to One, host Bill Goodman sits down with Gov. Steve Beshear who discusses the upcoming year, the General Assembly and the success of kynect, Kentucky’s healthcare exchange. The program airs at noon on KET.

Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC’s Hardball, discusses his book, Tip and the Gipper: When Politics Worked, with E.J. Dionne Jr., senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and syndicated columnist for The Washington Post. The program can be seen at 9 p.m. Jan. 6 on KET.

Legislative Update, a report hosted by Renee Shaw on the most significant activities of the day’s legislative meetings, is scheduled to air on KET every weekday the Kentucky legislature meets. Legislative Update begins Jan. 7 at 10 p.m.

Season four of Masterpiece Classic’s Downton Abbey finds those upstairs and downstairs coping with last season’s shocking finale.



FIRST graders Skylar Rawlins (left) and Gracie Barnett portray animals in a manger scene at the Christmas pageant at the Dawson Springs Elementary School Friday, Dec. 20.



MEMBERS of the YW Club who attended the annual Christmas party at the home of Peggy Furgerson are (seated, left to right) Sharon Budd, Charlotte Cooley, Furgerson, Sylvia Thomas, Shirley Menser, Bobbie Kinsolving; (standing) Carolyn Stevens, Sandra Menser, JoAnn Edwards, Jeannie Moore, Barbara Thomas, Wanda Hughes, Debbie Coats, Kathy Beshears, Janis Peroddy, Marvalyn Tolbert, Barbara Barr, and Bonnie Mills.

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YW Christmas Party Held At Furgerson Home

The Dawson Springs YW Club held its annual Christmas party Dec. 19 at the home of Peggy Furgerson which was decorated for the season inside and out. The members were greeted by the hostesses, Furgerson, Debbie Coats, Shirley Menser and Bobbie Kinsolving.

A potluck dinner of each member’s favorite dishes and desserts was served while Christmas music was played.

After dinner, a short

business meeting was held. Shirley Menser presented each member with historical background information on the first YW Club in Dawson Springs, which dates back to approximately 1938.

Vice president Marvalyn Tolbert presented outgoing president Bonnie Mills with a gift from the club. Shirley Menser presented honorary gifts to all members with 100 percent attendance for the year. They were Jeannie Moore, Sharon Budd, Carolyn Ste-

vens, Janis Peroddy, JoAnn Edwards and Furgerson.

After the business meeting, a surprise visitor, Zack Willett, one of Santa’s elves, arrived with his red Santa bag full of gifts for each member. As he handed out the gifts, Kinsolving read “’Twas the Week before Christmas,” written by Faye Winfrey.

Those in attendance were Kathy Beshears, Sandra Menser, Sylvia Thomas, Charlotte Cooley, Barbara

Thomas, Barbara Barr, Wanda Hughes, Shirley Menser, Furgerson, Coats, Kinsolving, Moore, Peroddy, Stevens, Tolbert, Mills, Budd and Edwards.

After the festivities, Rook was played. The Christmas Rook winners were Barr, Tolbert and Hughes. Door prizes were won by Barbara Thomas, Sylvia Thomas, Hughes and Budd.

Willett and Winfrey helped make the YW Christmas party a huge success.

300 Fort Knox Soldiers Return From Afghanistan

By Jeff D’Alessio
The News-Enterprise

Family and friends of 285 soldiers received an early Christmas present Dec. 15: The return of their loved ones who are members of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The soldiers were welcomed home during a ceremony at Natcher Physical Fitness Center on Fort Knox.

This was the third main

body flight to return home for the 3/1.

The unit has been operating in the roughly 7,000-square-mile Zabul province in southern Afghanistan, which is an area larger than the state of Connecticut. Soldiers assisted Afghan security, government and police forces in their transition to independent security and governance, according to a Fort Knox news release.

The unit will continue to send soldiers home through May with the majority of the brigade returning before March.



VISITING in the Wooton home Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, during the Holiday Home Tour are (from left) Marilyn Matheny, Lori Wooton, and JoAnn Lanham.



A LARGE crowd of students, faculty members, and visitors attended the Christmas pageant at the Dawson Springs School Friday, Dec. 20.

Kentucky Ranks 6th In Teacher Certification Results

From Kentucky Press
News Service

Kentucky is ranked sixth nationally in the number of teachers earning National Board Certification in the class of 2013. Two hundred fifty-eight Kentucky teachers became National Board Certified during 2013, according to a state news release.

Kentucky’s total number of National Board Certified Teachers now totals 2,980, making it 10th in the nation. Teachers achieve board certified status by undergoing a performance-based, peer-review process.

Kentucky consistently ranks in the top 10 nationally for the total number of NBCTs.

“Since its inception, Kentucky’s National Board Program has proved to be a model for many other states,” Robert Brown, executive director of the Education Professional Standards Board, said in the news release. “It is with great pleasure that I congratulate these educators for their extraordinary commitment to the education of Kentucky’s children and for achieving the highest credential in the teaching profession.”

Upon successful completion of the National Board Certification process, Kentucky teachers currently holding a Rank II certificate are eligible to apply for Rank I and may serve as mentors for Kentucky’s aspiring NBPTS candidates.

Kentucky has a strong and growing statewide support and incentives for National Board Certification. NBCTs are entitled to an annual \$2,000 salary bonus for the life of their teaching certificate.

“Teachers are our front line in preparing Kentucky’s students to face tomorrow’s challenges,” Kentucky Education

Commissioner Terry Holliday said. “Kentucky is committed to the legislative goal of having accomplished teachers who have achieved National Board Certification in every public school by 2020. In our efforts to meet this ambitious goal, we will raise the level of teaching and learning across the commonwealth.”

“If Kentucky is going to be successful in implementing its ambitious education agenda, the profession must lead the way, with accomplished teachers at the forefront,” Stephanie Winkler, president of the KEA, said in the news release.